

following amendment to the original specification, not to the specification as amended by the September 30, 2005 amendment.

The following amendment is made in response to the objection to the drawings. The Examiner objected to the drawings because the drawings do not include reference numbers 6C, 6D, 4C, 4D although these reference numbers are discussed in the specification. The elements designated by these reference numbers are hidden in the drawings because of the orientations in which the drawings are drawn. Applicants would also like to draw the Examiner's attention to reference numbers 23 and 25 which are discussed in paragraph 24 but not included in the drawings. The following amendment to paragraphs 20-22 and 24 removes these references numbers from the specification.

[0020] The carrier 2 supports the pair of brake pads 4, 5 by means of respective support portions 6, 7 disposed across and on either side of the disc rotor D. An attachment portion 8 formed on the support portion 6 which is disposed further toward the inside of the vehicle body than the disc rotor D is typically fixed by bolts or the like to a member on the vehicle body side such as a knuckle. Inward-facing torque receiving faces 6A, 6B and 7A, 7B are formed respectively on the support portions 6, 7 at the two ends thereof in the rotational direction of the disc rotor D, which is illustrated by an arrow in the drawing, and rectangular guiding grooves 6C, 6D and 7C, 7D (~~the guiding grooves 6C, 6D are not shown in the drawing~~) extending in the axial direction of the disc rotor D are formed respectively on the torque receiving faces 6A, 6B and 7A, 7B. Other rectangular guiding grooves (not shown in the drawings) extending in the axial direction of the disc rotor D are formed respectively on the torque receiving faces 6A, 6B.

[0021] The brake pads 4, 5 are constituted by friction members 4A, 5A that are pushed against the disc rotor D and rear plates 4B, 5B which are tightly fixed to and thereby support the friction members 4A, 5A. Rectangular ear portions 4C, 4D and 5C, 5D (~~the ear portions 4C, 4D are not shown in the drawings~~) protrude respectively from the two ends of the rear plates 4B, 5B. Other rectangular ear portions (not shown in the drawing) protrude respectively from the two ends of the

rear plate 4B. By inserting the rear plates 4B and 5B respectively between the inward-facing torque receiving faces 6A, 6B and 7A, 7B of the carrier 2 and fitting the ear portions ~~4C, 4D and 5C, 5D~~ of the brake pad 5 into the guiding grooves ~~6C, 6D and 7C, 7D~~ of the torque receiving faces 7A, 7B, the brake pads 4, 5 are slidably supported along the axial direction of the disc rotor D by the carrier 2. Likewise, by fitting the ear portions of the brake pad 4 into the guiding grooves of the torque receiving faces 6A, 6B, the brake pad 4 is slidably supported along the axial direction of the disc rotor D by the carrier 2.

[0022] One pad spring 9 (guiding member) attached on the carrier 2 side is interposed between the torque receiving faces 6A, 7A ~~and guiding grooves 6C, 7C of the carrier 2~~, and the ear portions ~~4C, 5C~~ and one end of the rear plates 4B, 5B of the brake pads 4, 5. One more pad spring 10 attached on the carrier 2 side is interposed between the torque receiving faces 6B, 7B ~~and guiding grooves 6D, 7D~~, and the ear portions ~~4D, 5D~~ and the other end of the rear plates 4B, 5B. The pads springs 9, 10 enable the brake pads 4, 5 to move smoothly and protect the carrier 2. A Shimsshim 11, 12 (the shim 11 is not shown in the drawings) are is attached to the rear face of the rear plates 4B, 5B of the brake pads 4, 5 to prevent brake noise. A shim (not shown in the drawings) similar to the shim 12 is attached to the rear face of the rear plate 4B to prevent brake noise.

[0024] Return springs 21, 22 are attached to the rear plates 4B, 5B of the brake pads 4, 5 at the respective front end portions thereof in the rotational direction of the disc rotor D. The return springs ~~21, 22 are is~~ caulked to a protrusions 23, 24 (the protrusion 23 of the rear plate 4A is not shown in the drawings) protruding from the base portion of the ear portions ~~4C, 5C~~ on the rear plates ~~4B, 5B~~ so as to extend away from the disc rotor D and extend at an incline toward the bottom portion side of the guiding grooves ~~6C, 7C~~ of the carrier 2. The distal end portions thereof ~~are is~~ pressed against a contact portions 25, 26 (one of the contact portions 25 is not shown in the drawings) of the pad spring 9 which extends along the surface of the support portions ~~6, 7~~ of the carrier 2. The return spring 21 is likewise caulked to a protrusion (not shown in the drawings) protruding from the base portion of the ear

portion of the rear plate 4B so as to extend away from the disc rotor D and extend at an incline toward the bottom portion side of the guiding groove of the support portion 6 of the carrier 2. The distal end portion thereof is pressed against another contact portion (not shown in the drawings) of the pat spring 9 which extends along the surface of the support portion 6 of the carrier 2. Due to the spring force of the return springs 21, 22, the brake pads 4, 5 are urged in a direction away from the disc rotor D at all times.